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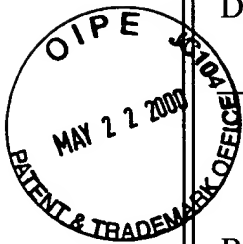
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the five documents listed on the accompanying substitute PTO Form 1449 are called to the attention of the Examiner for the above patent application. Copies of these documents are enclosed.

The five listed documents, all in Japanese, were cited during the prosecution of Japanese Patent Application 2-249920 corresponding to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07/410,194, the grandparent of the present application.

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3. an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b).

Further enclosed are copies of brief partial translations, as prepared by the Japanese associate of Applicant's attorney, of the five listed documents. Applicant's attorney does not have, and is not aware of, any further English translations of the five listed documents.

Based on what is stated in the partial translations and on what is illustrated in the figures of the five listed documents, none of them appears more material to the present invention than the prior art already of record. In particular, as far as Applicant's attorney can determine, none of these five documents affects the patentability of any of the allowed claims. Accordingly, please place this letter and the enclosures in the PTO file for this application.

Please telephone Applicant's attorney at 408-453-9200, ext. 1371, if there are any questions.

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